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### OPENING OF THE COLLEGE.

The opening exercises of our Missionary College were held Monday, January 6, at 9 A.M. After singing, a Scripture lesson was read from Job xxviii., and Prov. ii. 1-9, and Brother Waggoner led in prayer. Remarks were made by Brother O. A. Olsen respecting the need for this school. He said in part—

It is a great privilege to live at this time, and be connected with the work the Lord is now doing in this world. Doubtless it is a perilous time, a time of great moral darkness, when Satan is working with special power; but the Divine power is to be displayed as never before, and that through us as a people. The Scripture must be fulfilled: "Ye are the light of the world."

There is a sad dearth of true labourers—men and women whose hearts are filled with Divine knowledge, and who have the burden of souls resting upon them. This school is started to train such labourers. There is room for all our young people in the cause of God. Let them come in the course of life, and consecrate their all to the service of the Master.

Brother Salisbury, who followed, spoke in appreciation of the interest and hearty co-operation manifested by the officers of the Conference in the school and said that these would be watching the progress of the students with a view to their future usefulness in the work. He continued:—

Two builders are mentioned by Christ. One built his house upon a rock; the other upon the sand. We should judge from the record that the houses were very much alike, and while the author was fair, both stood. But when a storm arose, and the winds blew, and the floods beat forcibly upon those houses, one was washed away. The other stood, because it was founded upon a

rock. We read that Abraham looked for "a city which hath foundations." The Word of God is the rock, the sure foundation upon which we must all build our lives. A mere worldly education may stand for a little time; but it will never abide the day of trouble, which is just before us. It will never fit us for eternal life.

There is great need of Christian education. We have been told through the Spirit of prophecy that "in the future there will be more pressing need of men and women of literary qualifications than there has been in the past." Our young people should be so well trained that the world will wonder at it, and will say of us as of ancient Israel: "This is a wise and understanding people."

The Relation of the Bible to the School and Education was the subject of Brother Waggoner's remarks. He said the Bible had been relegated to the second place even in the church, the teachings of the Fathers and tradition taking the first place. Time used in proper training is well spent. The fields are ripe, to be sure, but the reaping instruments need to be sharpened if the work is to be done speedily. Christ was thirty years preparing for His life work. We should not have had the patience to wait so long. What we need is not to know something about the Bible; other schools give us that knowledge. We must know the Bible, and to this end we need to study it as a whole.

Dr. A. B. Olsen spoke briefly on the Place of Science in our Schools. Brother Sisley showed the value of a school for training missionaries, and Brethren Champness and Joyce gave hearty expression to their joy and pleasure in seeing this encouraging beginning of educational work in Great Britain.

On the whole it was a meeting full of blessing and encouragement, both to teachers and students. The keynote was the manifest desire on the part of all to be "taught of God," and that the school should in every respect meet the mind of the Spirit. Let teachers and students continue to work with this end in view, and the result will certainly be a glorious success.

M. B. C.

## HOW TO GROW.

DEAR FELLOW-LABOURERS,—

It is our God-given privilege to light up this corner of His great vineyard with the precious truth for these last days. I am so glad the Lord has put it into the hearts of His faithful servants to write books containing this message, so that we can all have a part in this great work.

Doubtless you know how important it is that we be up and doing while it is called to-day; not simply because "the night cometh when no man can work," but because "work" is necessary in order that we may retain what life God has entrusted us with, and "grow" up into Christ.

I remember once hearing an evangelist tell the best way to grow. He took each letter of the word "grow," thus: In order to "grow" we must have some "go" about us. This is an American term for our word "push." Now look how our brethren in America have handled the book, "Christ's Object Lessons." Have you heard the words of approval the Lord sent to them? When God speaks, His words need no discounting. He is "well pleased" with what has been done by the American brethren; so they must have done well, else the Lord would not be "well pleased" with their work. Yes, they have had some "go" with them, and the book has gone also.

The next letter is "r." We must "go right." Now to "go right" is to go in God's way. A stranger in a large city has considerable trouble to go to every place he would like to go to. But we have no trouble in finding the right way to go to work for God just now. Let us get a supply of "Christ's Object Lessons," and consecrate ourselves to God so that He may strew them around by us as the leaves of autumn, and we shall be "going right."

The third letter in this little word "grow" is "o." If we "go right" for a while, that is good; but it is only those who endure unto the end that will be saved. So we need to "go right on" without a break, regardless of clouds or rain, so that we may hasten the coming of the day of the Lord. Well, what are we to go right on doing?—Working, for "w" being the next letter, stands for "working." So if we "go right on working," I know we shall "grow."

Those of you who possess a copy of "Gospel Workers," if you will just read the following pages, you will see that this is so: Pages, 15, 16, 39, 100-102, 221, 283, 295, 296, 321, 339, 349, 341, and 342. On page 15 I read at the bottom of the page, "It could be urged upon them [every one who accepts the truth] again and again that *no one* will be able to resist temptation, to answer the purpose of God, and live the life of a Christian

unless he shall take up *his* work, be *his* will great, and do that work with *his* own fidelity."

So you see it is for our own personal good we all get to work, and keep right at it until the Lord comes. Let us do it, brethren, in the name of the Lord.

S. JONES

## GLASGOW.

While as yet there is no organised work in this city, there are those who are holding up the light of the saving message of God. I paid a visit to Glasgow Nov. 19th. for a few days, and during my stay was able to meet with those who have learned the truth as it is in Jesus. I was much impressed with the great need of seed sowers in that country and with the willingness on the part of those who came in to study with us to know the truth. The brethren and sisters gave me a hearty welcome and expressed their willingness to assist in any possible way. We are hopeful for the work in Scotland, believing God will go before us, opening up the way for the advancement of His cause.

Manchester.

Our special season of prayer in Manchester was one week later than the time arranged for other places, owing to special circumstances. I came with the company for a few days, beginning Dec. 15th. The Lord blessed us very much as we came together to seek Him, and study His Word. In order to give readers of *Present Truth* the privilege of attending, the "Imperial Dining Rooms" were secured for two nights. A few interested ones came in, and were impressed with the truth.

HARRY ARMSTRONG.

## TO THE FRIENDS OF "PRESENT TRUTH."

It is a matter for rejoicing that so many copies of the Holiday Number of *Present Truth* were sold. Surely this will not be without fruit; and we believe that if all who had a part in its circulation should report, they would tell of interesting experiences, and testify of blessing received through the extra effort.

We are glad to be able to announce that the order for number 2 was 18,800. We have once or twice printed as large regular editions as this; but this is the largest that we have ever printed without any special effort on our part in the way of a letter to the agents. We are thankful for this indication of interest, but we are not satisfied. While this edition is large compared with the average in the past, it is very small in contrast to our field, and the number of pages ought to be circulated.



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"To every man his work." Mark xiii. 34.

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BROTHER O. A. OLSEN attended a conference in Amsterdam, Jan. 9-12

SISTER MCPHERSON, at Nottingham, has been called home by the death of her mother.

OUR friends will be patient if they do not see their reports in this number. All will appear in due time. It is always good to have too much rather than too little matter.

THE appointments of Dr. Olsen for January are as follows: Wellingborough, the 14th; Kettering, the 15th and 16th; Birmingham, the 18th; Manchester, the 19th; Birkenhead, the 20th; then to Belfast and Dublin.

BROTHER HUTCHINSON writes from Ireland: "We are now in our annual meeting, and the Lord has come very near to us. Yesterday we pledged ourselves to have a little chapel of our own at Belfast before the year 1902 shall close."

THE North London church celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house, Sabbath afternoon, January 11, Brother Waggoner officiating. The students joined with us, making quite a large gathering, and the rich blessing of God was realised.

THE students thus far enrolled in the Duncombe Hall Missionary College number 32, which is certainly a very encouraging beginning. Some have been heard from who are already commencing to save up money to come next year. We hope many of our young people will begin at once to plan for an education that will fit them for usefulness in the Lord's work.

THE company at Bath were greatly benefited by Brother Ballenger's visit. "He came to us," writes Brother E. Perry, "at a most opportune time. Under his powerful ministry the Lord has 'broken every barrier down.' It has been good to hear brethren and sisters, with deep contrition, confessing and putting away sin. One brother, who has been addicted to tobacco for thirty years, and

has many times tried to give it up, now proves that the Lord is able to save to the uttermost. A sister, who has been a slave to tea, has got complete victory. Several of our young people have been converted, and now we are all actively at work in various ways."

LEADERS of companies are requested to have every member canvassed for the WORKER. The price is put exceedingly low that all may have an opportunity to read the paper, and keep posted with reference to the work.

JUST a word to our contributors. We thank you heartily for the interest you are taking in the WORKER, and trust you will continue to favour us with frequent reports and experiences. Remember the three B's—Brevity, Brightness, Blessing. Write on one side of the paper only, and if the lines are close together, write only on every other line, leaving a blank space between. This will save the expense of copying. Let us all work together to fill every number of the paper with the most helpful and interesting matter.

BROTHER WM. WILKINSON writes that he much appreciated the visits of Brethren Gilbert and Armstrong. He is praying that a minister may be sent to labour in Leeds, as the people are eager for the truth. He says there is also territory enough for more canvassers, and he would be glad to see some. His own courage is the best, as evinced by the closing words of his letter: "Let us start with the New Year to work with renewed vigour; for the time is short. We send hearty greetings to our brethren and sisters elsewhere, and ask them to remember Leeds in their prayers."

Have you done it yet? Have you, as an agent for *Present Truth*, had a nice little talk with every one of your customers, told them of our new magazine, *Good Health*, and asked the privilege of bringing them a copy once a month. Is it not likely that such a course would result in almost every one of them taking the magazine, the extra expense being only a penny a month. It would not involve any more walking on the part of the agent. He would have a little heavier load to carry once a month, but he would also have more pennies to carry home. Let us all do our level best to push forward all parts of the work.